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October 31, 1963

Dr. Manson Benedict
General Advisory Committee
U. S. Atomic Energy Commission
P. O. Box 3528
Washington 7, D.C.

Dear Dr. Benedict:

In reply to your letter of September 17, I am pleased to submit the names of Dr. Richard F. Post of the Lawrence Radiation Laboratory and Dr. John Merle West, formerly with the Argonne Laboratory but now with the General Nuclear Engineering Corporation, as candidates for the Ernest Orlando Lawrence Memorial Award.

Although I am not intimately associated with either of these men at the present time, their particular capabilities in their respective fields were brought to my attention while I was Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission and my interest in them has been revived by the very high regard in which they are held by Dr. Albert D. Wheelon, who is Deputy Director for Science and Technology of the Central Intelligence Agency.

You will find attached the background and the accomplishments of each of these men. I assume, however, that the records carried in the files of the A.E.C. are much more comprehensive and complete.

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Yours most sincerely,

John A. McCone

cc Dr. Glenn T. Seaborg

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Memo to Dr. Wheelon

Attached is a memorandum to the Director from Mr. Manson Benedict, Chairman of the "Ernest Orlando Lawrence Memorial Award" committee.

The Director discussed this matter with you on the telephone today and asked your suggestions for nominees for the award this year.

Will you please return the memorandum to the Director when it has served your purpose.

[Redacted]

P.S. The Director also requested you give some consideration to a nominee for the Fermi Award which will be given early next year.

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GENERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
 TO THE
 U.S. ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION
 P.O. BOX 3528
 WASHINGTON 7, D.C.

September 17, 1963

ERNEST ORLANDO LAWRENCE MEMORIAL AWARD

Dear Sir:

The General Advisory Committee invites you as an individual to nominate candidates for the 1964 Ernest Orlando Lawrence Memorial Award.

The Award is given by the Atomic Energy Commission upon the recommendation of the General Advisory Committee and with the approval of the President. It recognizes especially meritorious contributions to the development, use, or control of atomic energy in areas of all the sciences related to atomic energy, including medicine and engineering. Each Award consists of a medal, citation and monetary prize, to be given to not more than five recipients in any one year, in the amount of not less than \$5,000, and the total amount not to exceed \$25,000. The 1964 Award will be given to individuals who have not reached their 46th birthday by July 1, 1964. All awardees must be U. S. citizens.

Nominations for the 1964 Award should be received by the Chairman, General Advisory Committee, U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, P. O. Box 3528, Washington 7, D. C., not later than November 1, 1963. A nomination should include a brief biographical outline but should place principal emphasis on a concise statement of the scientific or technical achievements upon which the nomination is based.

It is the policy of the Committee that nominees who fail of selection will be retained on the list for further consideration for two additional years. If the candidate has not been selected in three consecutive years, his or her name will be removed from the list unless the candidate has been renominated in that time or until renominated thereafter.

Each year after November 1 the Committee considers candidates for these Awards. Although we may not write you every year, you are invited to submit your nominations each year in October.

Your assistance to the Committee in selecting nominees for the Lawrence Award will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Manson Benedict
 Chairman

Mr. John A. McCone
 3025 Whitehaven Place, N. W.
 Washington 8, D. C.

GENERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TO THE
U.S. ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION
P.O. BOX 3528
WASHINGTON 7, D.C.

The past recipients of the Lawrence Award are:

1960: Harvey Brooks
John S. Foster
Isadore Perlman
Norman F. Ramsey
Alvin M. Weinberg

1961: Leo Brewer
Henry Hurwitz
Conrad L. Longmire
Wolfgang K. H. Panofsky
Kenneth E. Wilzbach

1962: Andrew A. Benson
Richard P. Feynman
Herbert Goldstein
Anthony L. Turkevich
Herbert F. York

1963: Herbert J. C. Kouts
L. James Rainwater
Louis Rosen
James M. Taub
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Candidates for the E. O. Lawrence
Memorial Award

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1. This memorandum responds to the 27 September 1963 memorandum from Mr. [REDACTED] to Dr. Wheelon. Recommended nominees listed in paragraph 3 and brief summaries of their accomplishments and history are attached.
2. Most of the people who have made truly spectacular contributions in the field of atomic energy are either above the 46 year age of the Lawrence Award or are included in the list of past recipients. We are thus unable to come up with a single very outstanding candidate for this Award.
3. Two people in the atomic energy field with whom my specialists have had acquaintance have impressed us particularly with their obvious capabilities and with accomplishments. These are Dr. Richard Post who is the outstanding specialist in the field of controlled thermonuclear reactions in the United States and Mr. John West of General Nuclear Engineering Corporation who designed the experimental boiling water reactor (EBWR), which was the first of

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its type in the world. We would suggest that both of these be nominated by you for the Award.

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ALBERT D. WHEELON
Deputy Director
(Science and Technology)

Attachments:

1. Brief History - Dr. Richard F. Post
2. Brief History - Mr. John M. West

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